

UNDER FINAL REJECTION, PLEASE EXPEDITE!!!

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Masahito HOASHI et al

Appln. No.: 09/000,366

Date Filed: January 28, 1998

For: METHOD FOR THAWING FROZEN)
GROUND FISH MEAT)

Art Unit: 1761

Examiner: D. Becker

Washington, D.C.

Docket No.: HOASHI=2

March 15, 2000



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REPLY TO FIRST ACTION FINAL REJECTION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Replying to the final Action of September 17, 1999,
petition for three months' extension of time being attached
hereto, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claim 7 (amended) in twice amended form as
follows:

7. (Twice Amended) A process for producing materials
for fish paste products which involves the step of milling a
frozen ground fish meat mass in a substantially uniform manner,
thawing the milled fish meat by elevating temperature to give a
ground fish meat; and mixing under stirring said ground fish
meat together with additives with the use of a pin mixer,
wherein said additives include at least one of a seasoning,
starch, sugar, and a polyphosphate, and wherein said pin mixer
is of the type shown in Fig. 1 and/or JP 3-41145B.

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